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**ILLEGAL ALIEN INDICTED ON IMMIGRATION CHARGES**

***– Used a social security card of a U.S. citizen***

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Louisville **returned an Indictment** charging **NICOLAS CIPRIAN-CORTES a/k/a EDMUNDO TARANGO, JR. a/k/a ELIVALDO GALVES-LOPEZ**, age 28, of 114 Kentucky Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky, in Shelby County, with falsely representing himself to be a U.S. citizen, illegal use and possession of another persons social security number, and illegally re-entering the United States after having been previously deported.

The Indictment alleges that on or about November 29, 2004, in Jefferson County, **Ciprian-Cortes** falsely and willfully represented himself to be a U.S. citizen on an Employment Eligibility Verification form when he was actually a Guatemalan national, and that he unlawfully possessed and used a social security card, issued to another individual, with the intent to falsely represent himself as a U.S. citizen; and that on or about October 5, 2006, **Ciprian-Cortes**, an alien, was found in the United States, after previously being deported on January 25, 2002, without receiving the consent of the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to reapply for admission to the United States.

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If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are 18 years imprisonment, a \$750,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of no more than 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

**Ciprian-Cortes** is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on November 21, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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